TOWN OF SCITUATE

Planning Board



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Accessory Dwelling Special Permit – 13 Trysting Road Decision: APPROVED with Conditions

Owner:

Jessica L Renehan & Daniel Abar

Applicant:

Jessica (Renehan) Abar & Daniel Abar

Date:

July 24, 2015

Location:

13 Trysting Road

Assessor's Map: #7-6-3

Plans: Plans entitled Abar House Accessory Dwelling 13 Trysting Road Scituate, MA 02066 by Keri Murray Design Studio dated 6/29/2015 Sheets A0.00 Site Plan, A0.01 Existing Floor Plans, A2.01 Plan & Elevations and A2.02 Second Floor Plan and proposed renderings of the Abar House Accessory Dwelling dated June 2015.

Members Hearing Special Permit Application: William Limbacher, Chairman; Stephen Pritchard, Robert Vogel, Robert Greene and Ann Burbine.

Background: The property is located in the Residential R-2 Zoning District. The lot area of the property is 22,910 sq. ft. The existing dwelling located on the property known as 13 Trysting Road has 2,158 sq. ft. of floor area according to the application submitted. The proposed accessory dwelling will be a one bedroom unit located on the second floor. Based on a floor plan submitted by the applicant, the interior floor space of the proposed accessory dwelling will be approximately 780 sq. ft. It is proposed to be authorized as a second legal living unit on the same lot through approval of an accessory dwelling special permit by the Planning Board. The floor area of the accessory dwelling will be 36% of the floor area of the primary dwelling which is less than 40% as allowed by the bylaw. The applicants have signed a notarized statement that they will occupy one of the dwelling units on the property.

Procedural Summary: This request for a Special Permit was filed with the Town Clerk and the Planning Board on June 29, 2015. A Public Hearing before the Planning Board was duly advertised and notices sent to all abutters in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing was opened on July 23, 2015 and closed on the same date when the Planning Board approved the Special Permit with conditions.

Hearing Summary: The public hearing was opened on July 23, 2015 with Jessica and Daniel Abar and architect Keri Murray present. The same night, the Planning Board approved the accessory dwelling special permit with conditions.

<u>Public Comment:</u> The Planning Board received one comment letter from the Water Division who indicated there was no problem with the existing water service to the house.

<u>Findings of fact:</u> A motion was duly made and seconded to make the following Findings of Fact concerning the accessory dwelling at 13 Trysting Road:

- 1. According to Town of Scituate Assessor's records, the property at 13 Trysting Road is owned by Jessica L Renehan and Daniel Abar. The property is located in the Residential R-2 zoning district on a lot of 22,910 sq. ft.
- 2. On June 29, 2015, Jessica (Renehan) Abar and Daniel Abar applied for a special permit for an accessory dwelling within a single family home on the property at 13 Trysting Road.
- 3. According to the plan, the floor area of the primary dwelling is 2,158 sq. ft. The floor area of the accessory dwelling as shown on the plan dated June 29, 2015 is approximately 780 sq. ft. The floor area of the accessory dwelling is 36% of the floor area of the primary dwelling which is less than the maximum of 40% allowed in the bylaw. It meets the size requirements of 530.2F of the zoning bylaw for accessory dwellings.
- 4. The accessory dwelling is less than 40% of the primary dwelling and has one bedroom. It is contained within the primary dwelling and is subordinate to the primary dwelling.
- 5. The plan shows the dwelling to have a paved existing driveway. This appears adequate to provide two parking spaces for the accessory dwelling and ample parking for the primary dwelling.
- 6. The applicants have submitted a signed, notarized statement that they will live on the property. The special permit will be recorded. Any future new owner will need to file an affidavit with the Planning Board that he/she occupies the property.
- 7. The property has a septic system that has been reviewed by the Board of Health.
- 8. One accessory dwelling unit is contained on the lot in a single family house. It will be a separate housekeeping unit.

- 9. There are no new exterior stairs.
- 10. The application meets the standards of Scituate Zoning Bylaw for an Accessory Dwelling Special Permit.

<u>**Decision:**</u> A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the Special Permit for an accessory dwelling at 13 Trysting Road with the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant shall meet all requirements of the Building Department, Board of Health, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Water Department and other town agencies.
- 2. Except for any changes necessary to meet these conditions, any construction shall conform to the plans entitled Abar House Accessory Dwelling 13 Trysting Road Scituate, MA 02066 by Keri Murray Design Studio dated 6/29/2015 Sheets A0.00 Site Plan, A0.01 Existing Floor Plans, A2.01 Plan & Elevations and A2.02 Second Floor Plan and proposed renderings of the Abar House Accessory Dwelling dated June 2015.
- 3. The property at 13 Trysting Road shall contain a maximum of two dwelling units, the primary dwelling and the accessory dwelling as proposed. The footprint, number of bedrooms and/or square footage of the accessory dwelling shall not be increased without prior approval of the Planning Board. The number of bedrooms in the accessory dwelling is limited to one, in the location and size indicated on the floor plan submitted with the application and attached to this decision.
- 4. The owner of the property shall reside on the property as long as it contains an accessory dwelling unit. An Accessory Dwelling Special Permit Certification of Ownership and Occupancy from any new owner shall be completed at the closing of the sale of the house and a copy provided to the Planning Board within seven days.
- 5. The Planning Board will require an on-site inspection for conformance to the approved plans and these conditions prior to a Certificate of Occupancy being issued for the accessory dwelling.
- 6. No on-street parking shall be permitted at any time.
- 7. This Special Permit shall be void if it is not recorded at the Registry of Deeds within 90 days of the date of filing with the Town Clerk. The owner shall provide proof of this recording to the Planning Board.
- 8. This Special Permit shall lapse within two years from date of its issuance unless substantial use or construction has commenced prior to that time in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 9.

- 9. The Planning Board reserves the right to review compliance with this special permit at any time. At the request of the Planning Board, an affidavit shall be provided that either the primary or accessory unit is owner occupied.
- 10. At each transfer of ownership of the property, a new affidavit that the owner resides on the property shall be provided to the Planning Board within seven days of the closing of the sale of the house.
- 11. This Special permit shall terminate if the use is not in accordance with this decision and its conditions.

Vote:

Based on the Findings of Fact and the evidence and information provided by the applicant and obtained through the public hearings, the members of the Planning Board hearing this application voted unanimously to approve the Special Permit for an Accessory Dwelling at 13 Trysting Road Country Way with the conditions noted above.

<u>7-23-15</u>

Date

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This decision was filed with the Town Clerk on $\gamma - 24 - 15$ date

Appeal of this special permit may be made pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 17, and shall be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. Proof of that filing shall be provided to the Town Clerk within twenty (20) days of the date of the filing of the decision with the Town Clerk.

This special permit will not become effective until such time as an attested copy of this decision has been filed with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, after the expiration of the appeal period of twenty (20) days.

The Planning Board certifies that it has complied with all statutory requirements of MGL Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, and will file copies of this decision with the Town Clerk. The Planning Board further certifies that it has taken into consideration all testimony rendered at the Public Hearing, the comments and suggestions of other boards which have reviewed and made comments on the plans